

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended without prejudice.

Claims 12 and 21 have been canceled without prejudice.

The Office rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. It was unclear what the phrase on line 3 of claim 14 meant, which stated “comprises an open end and an end.” The phrase has been amended to state, “comprises an open end and a closed end.”

The Office rejected claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Beimgraben (US Patent No. 4,495,073). Claim 1 has been amended to include that “the mandrel operates upon the hanger through the linkage to compressively engage and disengage the drilling fluid filter against the bore wall,” which is not shown or described by Beimgraben. The Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is now allowable. Since claims 2-4, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 13 depend from claim, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-4, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 13 are also now allowable.

The Office rejected claims 8, 14-16, 18-20 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Beimgraben (US Patent No. 4,495,073) in view of Camp (US Patent No. 2764388). Since claim 8 depends from now allowable base claim 1, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 8 is also now allowable.

Claim 14 has also been amended to include that “the mandrel operates upon the hanger through the linkage to compressively engage and disengage the drilling fluid filter against the bore wall,” which is not shown or described by Beimgraben. The Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 14 is now allowable. Since claims 15, 16, 18-20 and 22 depend from now allowable base claim 14, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15, 16, 18-20 and 22 are now allowable.

In view of the arguments and amendments made herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due at this time and also appreciate the thorough review made by the Office. As indicated in a communication received by the office on January 30, 2006, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 180584. If there are any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at 801-310-8427.

Respectfully submitted,

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